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**Access for Students** - MTDA provides expanded choices to students who want to take unique courses which may not be offered in some Montana high schools, such as Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science and Oceanography as well AP courses in each of the core subject areas. Students enrolled in MTDA courses can recover credits to get back on track to graduate, eliminate a scheduling conflict, take a summer school course from home or a remote location and learn at a pace that is right for them.

**Equity for Schools** - MTDA assists schools in meeting unique curriculum and staffing challenges by offering upper level courses in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English Language Arts. The Academy is already being recognized by school leaders as a critical piece in helping rural and small schools expand their curriculum and to meet some Chapter 55 Accreditation Standards by offering a World Language Program (Spanish, French, German, Latin and Chinese) and Career and Technical courses such as Microsoft Office Suite and Web Design.

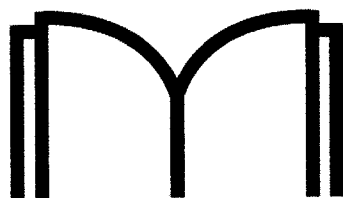
**Unique Educational Partnership** - The MTDA - University of Montana partnership is unique among the 30 plus statewide virtual school initiatives. MTDA is the only statewide online K-12 school initiative partnered with a major institution of higher education. This partnership will enable UM and MTDA to share technology expertise and intellectual resources and will serve to create professional development opportunities and advance teacher understanding of the value and power of online learning for students.

**Promoting 21st Century Learning** - MTDA has the ability to advance online learning and the digital literacy of students across the state of Montana. The Academy provides a working model for promoting the connection between Montana's K-12 schools and higher educational institutions. By offering challenging courses to help prepare high school students for college, as well as online dual enrollment/ dual credit opportunities, MTDA will support this important bridge to higher education for many Montana students, especially those located in remote parts of the state.

**Leadership in Online Learning** - Although one of the newest statewide virtual schools in the United States, MTDA is already positioned as a leader due to its membership in the State Virtual School Leadership Alliance, an organization comprised of 9 state virtual schools from across the U.S. The Alliance collectively promotes the unique value of state virtual schools and seeks ways to maximize resources by working cooperatively on such key areas as course sharing, course development and teacher professional development and training.

**For a complete listing of courses offered by MTDA or for other information go to:**

[www.montanadigitalacademy.org](http://www.montanadigitalacademy.org)



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